Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Tuesday 25 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Wednesday 26 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Monday 24 Apr 2023 at 14:42 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high confidence, but moderate for timing of deteriorating conditions and rising freezing levels on Thursday and Friday. Low for details on Saturday.

Headline for Tuesday 25 Apr 2023: Bitterly cold for the time of year. Bright with the odd snow flurry.

Mountain weather hazards on Tuesday 25 Apr 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** Medium Likelihood	**Poor visibility** No Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** Low Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Fog	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Cloudy	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
20%	20%	20%	10%	10%	<05%	10%	<05%

Forecast for Tuesday 25 Apr 2023

Weather: Bitterly cold for the time of year. Cloudy through the early hours and much of the morning with occasional light snow flurries. Brighter with some sunny spells in the afternoon, and mainly dry, just isolated light snow showers over the Cairngorms. Clearing skies for most hills in the evening, but patchy cloud remaining over the northern Cairngorms.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 80%

Low cloud and visibility: Generally very good or excellent visibility. Some patchy cloud across the northern Cairngorms, down to 800-900m for the first few hours after dawn, and again late evening. Otherwise cloud bases above the summits.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	25/32 NW	25/33 NW	25/32 NW	20/26 NW	18/25 N	15/21 NW	12/17 N	11/15 N	10/14 N
900	17/22 NW	17/22 NW	16/21 NW	13/19 N	14/20 N	12/17 NW	9/13 N	7/10 NE	6/8 NE
600	8/12 NW	8/12 W	8/13 W	10/15 N	11/17 N	9/15 NW	7/11 NE	4/7 NE	4/6 NE
300	5/14 NW	4/14 NW	5/14 NW	8/16 N	9/18 N	8/16 NW	4/10 N	3/7 N	2/4 NW
Glen	4/16 NW	3/16 NW	3/14 NW	6/16 NW	7/17 N	6/16 NW	4/10 N	2/7 N	2/6 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-8/-18	-8/-18	-8/-18	-8/-16	-6/-14	-5/-12	-6/-12	-8/-14	-9/-15
900	-5/-12	-5/-13	-5/-13	-4/-11	-2/-9	-2/-7	-3/-7	-4/-8	-5/-9
600	-3/-8	-3/-8	-3/-8	-2/-6	0/-4	1/-3	0/-3	-2/-4	-3/-5
300	-1/-4	-2/-4	-1/-4	2/-2	4/0	4/1	3/1	0/-2	-2/-4
Glen	-1/-4	-3/-5	-3/-5	2/-1	6/3	6/4	4/3	1/-0	-2/-2
Freezing Level*	100m	100m	100m	200m	300m	400m	400m	200m	100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Feeling exceptionally cold for late April.

Forecast for Wednesday 26 Apr 2023

Weather: Largely clear skies through the early hours leading to another cold frosty, start with some mist in the glens. Then a sunny morning. Patchy cloud increases in the afternoon, perhaps thinning with some clear spells late evening.

Maximum wind: North or northwest 5-10 mph, falling light and variable in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 90%

Low cloud and visibility: A chance of some mist in the glens around dawn, otherwise very good visibility with any cloud above the summits.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 4 Celsius rising to plus 7 Celsius.
At 800m: Minus 3 rising to zero Celsius
Freezing level: Down to the glens, rising to 500m through the afternoon.

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